

so. Its use was a text from the gospels. The
weighed their words and were in grave, in solemn
when they wrote these sublime words, "We hold
truths to be self-evident : that all men are created
; that they are endowed by their Creator with in-
alienable rights ; that amongst these are life,
erty and the pursuit of happiness ; that to secure these
governments are instituted among men." It flashed
lightning into clear and earnest minds that the black
ple were men, offspring of the same Creator who
them. I need not repeat to you here the well-known
of Washington, Jefferson and Madison, of Frank-
Wythe and Pinckney, men whom we draw light to
months full of glorification, but whom only a
test and the best know how to honour rightly—
very shades are wronged by the vain praise of

CAPTAIN DRAYTON.

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WITHOUT CONSCALMENT—WITHOUT COMPROMISE

THE TWO INDEPENDENCE DAYS.

men. They were men not of politics, but of *principle*. And no grander lesson have they handed down to us than this: that nations are raised up, and nated, and delivered, not by politics, but by principles; that *principle* is the only basis of true and lasting greatness; that the foundations of ease and prosperity, and render the morally free. The politician, with all his plots and manoeuvres, has no legitimate function save this: to contravene *principle*, to make it a mere tool, to make it a mere effective in organized government and enacted law; to use such principles, his faction is at so end. He is a man that grinds no corn. Parties do but *organize* ideas that already lie deep in people's hearts, taking as much as they can of the *principle* of the age, and making it *act*. They are never prophetic; they never originate sentiments; they never create convictions. When would describe people as lying under the most debasement, we have seen a new species of *principle* arise, and a new era of *principle* begin. *Principle* is the only basis of true and lasting greatness. There is no more certain evidence of our fallen condition than that *we* feel we place in political parties who, for the most part, are *not* the cause of our fall. They are the *fruit* of the fall, in the heat and dust of controversy that they ever had or promised to have a principle advance. Too old or unwilling *men*. Conventions, manifestos, cliques, clubs, organs, votes, with all their machinery, are but the *fruit* of the fall. A man hearts full of truth, and justice, and pity. You are truly *governed* by the fathers who instruct: the sons, as the Israelites of old did, in the teachings, to the fathers, who are the fathers, who are the fathers, who give their children, with their nursing, the temper truth-loving, humane and brave; by military

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service, support and perpetrate this pernicious system of slavery; these are all secondary matters, matter of opinion, not matters of conscience; but, for the sake of all that is dear and holy, and good, let us learn to feel that we have no right to take any system as the noblest of our fathers did, as the wisest or best men of every generation under the sun do now, as the dictates of our hearts and the laws of our divine religion absolutely require of us. Let us rise above our servile experiences and our ingrading fears; let us cherish an honourable shame at the thought of being numbered among those who oppress, young women, brothers and sisters—*"All Young Men Beware!"*—let us remember that Jesus has loved as ourselves, and Jesus has saved ourselves that we, what whatever may be our place, w wherever in bondage we stand, may be able to say:

"It was freedom I sought
To piters for my own Sins.
And from teachers' hands, to wage
That were our manking's delat,
I found freedom is to love
All that claims our brethren free,
Not heart and soul and strength,
Exempts to make others free."

DENVER, COLORADO.—This city, on the fourth inst., was the scene of brutal and bloody riots, in which some eight or ten persons were killed and a hundred others wounded. The Police, under Mayor Wood, had been disbanded the day previous, while the Metropolitan force, provided by the State Legislature, was not yet fully organized, and two bodies of "Dead Rabbits" and lawless men known as "Dead Rabbits" and "Bowery Boys," taking advantage of this state of affairs, sought to gratify their illiggent propensities by a street fight. The "Dead Rabbits," composed chiefly of the most desperate and lawless element of the population, were armed with clubs and knives, and the Police Commissioners were able to quell only by the aid of the military. The course of Mayor Wood in relation to the new Police Law has had the natural effect of exalting and emboldening all the raffishness of the city, and rendering responsible for the bloodiest scenes of which we have heard since the organization of this city. It is not absolutely in the hands of thieves, gamblers, bar-rooms and swindlers generally, so far as under their control it cannot be relied upon for the protection of virtue from the repression of crime. It is characterized by indifference to the rights of the people, and especially hostility to the shade. So long as they can get away with anything they expect in a city whose most eminent and honored religious teachers speak at the Higher Law of God, instructing their flocks that there is no rule of life more sacred than the U. S. Constitution and the statutes

